

<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
09/560,269	NOLTE, BARRY M.	
<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
J. Derek Rutten	2192	

**Status of Application:** Allowable

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Time: \_\_\_\_\_

☒ Telephonic  
☐ Video Conference  
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

## Part I.

112, 101

1, 12, 16, 27, 31, and 42

*n/a*

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

**See Continuation Sheet**

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Mr. Rutten contacted Mr. Grace concerning a possible examiner's amendment to capture the tail merge scenario as argued on pages 16-17 filed 2/13/07. Mr. Grace agreed to amend claims 1, 12, and 31 to more adequately provide for the tail merge instrumentation. Mr. Grace also agreed to incorporate tail merge limitations from claim 1 into independent claims 16, 27, and 42. Thus, all claims would provide for a tail merge instrumentation. A further amendment to claims 16, 27 and 42 was agreed to in order to avoid potential 101 issues.